

Weekly Status & Information Report: October 15 - 19, 2012

1. Official City Meetings Scheduled the Week of October 22, 2012:

- City Council meeting, Monday, October 22, 7:30 p.m. in the Auditorium.

- City Manager Selection Task Force meeting, Tuesday, October 23, 7:30 p.m. in the Azalea Room.

All meetings are held in the Community Center, 7500 Maple Avenue, and are open to the public unless noted otherwise. (City Clerk)

2. First Time Home Buyer Class - Saturday, October 20: Don't miss the opportunity to attend the First Time Home Buyer class, being held at the Takoma Park Community Center, 7500 Maple Avenue this Saturday. The class begins at 8:30 a.m. and ends at 1:30 p.m. It features speakers from a real estate agency, mortgage company, title company, an inspection firm and an insurance company. The course is HUD-approved and participants receive a first time home buyer certificate at the end of the class that can be used to access low interest loans through the county and the state. Please call 301-891-7222 to pre-register. (Housing and Community Development)

3. Scribbler's Cabal: Scribbler's Cabal with Dave Burbank returns this Saturday, October 20 from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Young artists are invited to attend and share ideas and inspiration in this informal program. No registration necessary. (Library)

4. College Bound: On Tuesday, October 23, Dr. Lori Potts-Dupre concludes our College Bound Speakers series with a discussion about the college selection process. Lori has visited more than 350 colleges nationwide. For high-school students and their parents. (Library)

5. Hands Across the Library: A very special program will be held Wednesday, October 24, at 7:00 p.m. Karen Leggett is the author of a new picture book, "Hands Across the Library," about a real life event in which the citizens of Alexandria in Egypt joined hands to save its great library from destruction during the Arab Spring. She will join us for this discussion of her book, and autographed copies will be for sale by Politics and Prose book store. All are invited! (Library)

6. Magic Mountain: On Wednesday, October 24, the Friends Reading Group continues its discussion of Thomas Mann's "The Magic Mountain" at 7:30 p.m. in the Community Center. All are invited. (Library)

7. Annual Halloween Events - October 27, 2012: With Halloween right around the corner the Takoma Park Recreation Department staff is gearing up for a host of events that are designed for the entire family. On Saturday, October 27 beginning at 5:00 p.m., there will be our annual costume contest in Old Town, followed by the parade down to Piney Branch Elementary School and then, of course, the paaaartay!! For additional information or if you would like to volunteer for this event, please contact Lew McAllister at LewM@takomagov.org or (301) 891-7284. (Recreation)

8. Fall Class Spotlight – Aerobics: The music never stops! This upbeat, energetic aerobics class is sure to get your body moving! This is a great work out for all fitness enthusiasts. It combines cardiovascular training and toning exercises, for a superior total body workout. Groove on a heart-pumping workout that feels like anything but work. Instructor Nancy Nickell. Class runs from Monday, Nov 5 - Monday, Dec 17, 2012 from 6:15 - 7:15 p.m. in the Dance Studio, Takoma Park Community Center (7500 Maple Avenue). Cost: TP City Residents \$60, Non-residents \$70. To register online, please visit [www.activenet.active.com/takomaparkrecreation](http://www.activenet.active.com/takomaparkrecreation). For more information, please call Lew McAllister at (301) 891-7284. (Recreation)

9. Bikeways Enhancements Open House: The City is enhancing bicycle wayfinding in Takoma Park with new signed bike routes along Elm and Poplar Avenues and an updated bike map at Sligo Creek. Learn about the City's bikeways improvements and share your input at an Open House hosted by City staff. Thursday, November 8, 5:30 p.m.-7:00 p.m. at the Takoma Park Community Center, 7500 Maple Avenue. [www.theNewAve.com/do/bikeways-open-house](http://www.theNewAve.com/do/bikeways-open-house) (<http://www.thenewave.com/do/bikeways-open-house>). (Housing and Community Development)

10. Welcome, Patti!: The Computer Center is now open at 12:00 p.m. on weekdays. Patti Mallin is our new staff person in the Center from 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. (Library)

11. City Lot Now Has One Driveway: Sidewalk work in the Junction on Carroll Avenue between Philadelphia and Sycamore Avenues includes closing the eastern driveway in/out of the City-owned parking lot. Motorists should make note that there is only one driveway into the City Lot now. (Housing and Community Development)

12. Running Time Changes for K6 Metrobus Route: WMATA is holding public hearings on proposed modifications to Metrobus routes across the region. Proposed changes for the K6 Metrobus on New Hampshire Avenue include adjusting weekday off peak travel times to reflect current traffic conditions, effective Spring 2013. For more information, see: [http://www.wmata.com/community\\_outreach/B12-03\\_landing/B12-03\\_Notice\\_final.pdf](http://www.wmata.com/community_outreach/B12-03_landing/B12-03_Notice_final.pdf). (Housing and Community Development)

13. Grants for Community Gardens on the New Ave: Dig into the New Ave with neighbors and friends in your own Community Garden! The City offers grants to small community groups to start or continue a garden project along New Hampshire Avenue. Grant awards in recent years have helped residents beautify the New Ave with landscaping, flowers, vegetables, and art! The deadline to apply is January 31, 2013. For more information, see: [www.theNewAve.com/explore/parks-and-nature/gardening-greening-grant](http://www.theNewAve.com/explore/parks-and-nature/gardening-greening-grant) (<http://www.thenewave.com/explore/parks-and-nature/gardening-greening-grant>). (Housing and Community Development)

14. Winter Basketball League Coaches needed!: Volunteer coaches are the backbone of a good program. If you would like to volunteer as a coach in the upcoming Winter Basketball League, please contact the Takoma Park Recreation Department at (301) 891-7290, or EricR@takomagov.org (Grades: K,1), BradleyW@takomagov.org (Grades 2, 3-4), AlvinR@takomagov.org (Grades 5-6, 7-8). Training will be provided. (Recreation)
15. Cedrics Teen Hard Rock Fitness Program is a Success!!: On Monday and Wednesday at 6:00 p.m., Takoma Park Recreation Center offers Cedrics Teen Hard Rock Fitness program. The program assists in agility and flexibility by concentrating on cardio exercise and conditioning. The teens are excited to test their skills, burn calories and build a lean, healthy body. For more information contact John Webster at 301-891-7289 or johnw@takomagov.org. (Recreation)
16. Girls on the Rise: This self-esteem program encourages girls who are ages 10-14 to develop self-respect and healthy lifestyles. Girls on the Rise meets on Thursdays at 7:00 p.m. at Takoma Park Recreation Center. This program is designed to help girls develop positive self esteem, navigate through peer problems, explore healthy relationship development, family challenges, appearance, cyber bullying, school challenges and identify how their emotions play a role in all areas of their life. For more information contact John Webster at 301-891-7289 or johnw@takomagov.org. (Recreation)
17. Seniors Visit Carroll County: On Thursday, October 18, eighteen seniors traveled through the countryside by Recreation Bus to the Historical Society of Carroll County located in Westminster, Maryland. The Historical Society collects a wide range of objects, from the eighteenth century to the present including household furnishings, fine arts, clothing and household textiles, domestic and craft tools. Also displayed were the library collection that are conserved in the Sherman-Fisher-Shellman House and the Shriver-Weybright Exhibition Gallery. After the seniors visited the museum sites, they enjoyed lunch at the popular Baughers Restaurant and Farmer's Market for fresh produce, country style meals, homemade bakery and ice cream! (Recreation)
18. Multi-Media Instructors Needed: The Takoma Park Recreation Department is looking for a few skilled, motivated and highly talented instructors to teach multi-media classes in our state of the art multi-media lab. Interested and qualified individuals should contact Lew McAllister at LewM@takomagov.org or (301) 891-7284 by Friday, October 26. (Recreation)
19. Landlord-Tenant Staff Attends Fair Housing Program: Landlord-Tenant staff attended Montgomery County's Office of Human Rights educational forum on "The Nuts and Bolts of Fair Housing Compliance" on Tuesday, October 16 which was held at the Silver Spring Civic Center. Speakers from HUD, the US Department of Justice, the Maryland Commission on Civil Rights and Montgomery County's Office on Human Rights were part of the agenda which emphasized the importance of maintaining compliance with the fair housing laws. The forum was designed for landlords, property managers, residents and advocates in the housing industry. (Housing and Community Development)
20. New Ave Walking Guides Updated: The popular New Ave Walking Guides have been updated and redesigned, providing five tours that explore unique shopping and eating at the Takoma Langley Crossroads. Download and print your own at [www.theNewAve.com/explore/walking-tours](http://www.theNewAve.com/explore/walking-tours) ( <http://www.thenewave.com/explore/walking-tours> ). (Housing and Community Development)
21. Staff Professional Development: Safe Routes to School Coordinator, Lucy Neher attended a two-day training seminar hosted by Grant Writing USA, on October 11 and 12. (Housing and Community Development)
22. ESOL Parents Night: On October 18, Ellen Robbins and Phil Shapiro attended the ESOL Parents' night at PBES, where they met families and gave out library information and literacy materials – including review copies of children's books! (Library)
23. Officers in Meetings:
- On October 17, Chief Goldberg held his monthly Chief's Advisory Board meeting.
  - On October 19, Chief Goldberg, Acting City Manager Ludlow and members of the police department, including Honor Guard, attended the funeral of former police officer, Charlie Gallop, father of police department employee, Danyelle Gallop, and father-in-law to Lt. Tyrone Collington. (Police)
24. Officers in Training:
- On October 15-19, Sgt. Holmes and Pvt. Ala attended training entitled "Basic Investigators Class" at the Criminal Investigation Division Training Room in Columbia.
  - On October 16 and 18, various officers attended the 2012 Patrol Rifle Range firearms qualifications at the MPCTC Firearms Training Facility in Sykesville. (Police)
25. Crime Report: The most recent Takoma Park Police Weekly Crime Report (October 12-18, 2012) may be viewed online at [http://cathylevy.blogspot.com/2012/10/takoma-park-police-department-weekly\\_19.html](http://cathylevy.blogspot.com/2012/10/takoma-park-police-department-weekly_19.html). (Police)
26. Traffic Enforcement: Officers conducted at least 96 traffic stops, which resulted in citations, eight vehicle impounds, three Controlled Dangerous Substance (CDS) arrests from traffic and one warrant arrest from traffic. (Police)
27. Traffic Officer Stats (Pfc. Walter Smith):

Week 10/12/12 – 10/17/12

State citations: 15

Calls for service: 30

Reports: 7

Safety Equipment Repair Order (SERO): 4

Warnings issued: 26

Court time: 3 hours

Field Investigative Reports (FIRs): 4

(Police)